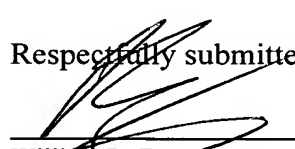


REMARKS

The allowability of claims 8 and 9 is acknowledged appreciatively and accepted by combining claim 8 with claim 1, whereby claim 9 is doubly allowable, and adding new claims 24 to 32, wherein independent claim 24 is a combination of claims 1 and 9 and dependent claims 25 to 32 correspond to claims 2, 3, 5-7, 10, 11 and 23 for the allowability indicated, the number of added claims corresponding to the number of previously withdrawn and now cancelled claims.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

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